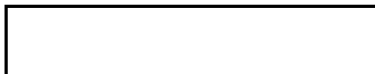


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Honorable and Mrs. Harry S. Truman



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Truman:

Thank you very much for inviting me to attend the ceremonies of a mural painting entitled, "Independence and Opening of the West" on 15 April.

Much as I would like to attend, I have a long standing engagement on that date and, therefore, will be unable to accept your invitation. However, I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in asking me to join you on this occasion.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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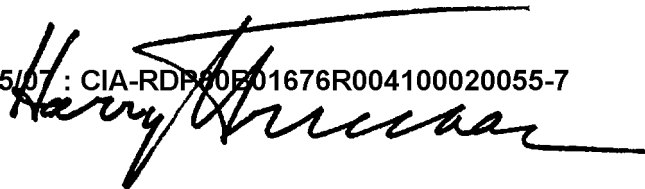
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*Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Truman*  
*request the pleasure of your company*  
*at the ceremonies of acceptance*  
*of*  
*a mural painting entitled*  
*"Independence and the Opening of the West"*  
*by Thomas Hart Benton*  
*in the Harry S. Truman Library*  
*Independence, Missouri*  
*on Saturday, the fifteenth of April*  
*nineteen hundred and sixty-one*  
*at three o'clock in the afternoon*  
*and at a reception immediately following*

*R. S. V. P.*

*Post Office Box 573*  
*Kansas City, Missouri*  
*Please indicate number in party*

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Truman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal line at the end.

Mr. Allan W. Dulles  
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